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US Patent No. 6 004 310, US Patent No. 2002/128568, US Patent No. 4 772 268 and US Patent No. 2002/077583 were cited in the International Search Report.

Reference DE 696 26 105 T2 is equivalent to WO 96/030073 and EP 0 819 014 B1; DE 197 38 942 A1 is equivalent to US Patent No. 6,200,301; and DE 37 50 718 T2 is equivalent to EP 0 260 711B1 and US Patent No. 4,777,951.

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"DE 39 17 180 A1 describes a catheter system for hemodynamic examination, such as determination of cardiac output and cardiovascular pressure, under heart stimulation. The catheter system comprises central catheters (8, 9, 10) of small diameter for heart stimulation and hemodynamic measurements. The catheter system further comprises an outer envelope catheter (2) coupled to a insertion connector (1) having several input openings (3, 4, 5, 6) which allow insertion of the central catheters into the vascular system and injection of a cold bolus for the determination of cardiac output."

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